

I agree with the ARRL's petition, RM-10867, over the others being filed including RM-10868, RM-10869, and RM-10870. The ARRL's petition in my opinion would help new amateurs grasp on the entire amateur radio hobby with their first license. Allowing newly licensed "HAMS" to have limited access to the HF bands I believe will keep these newly licensed HAMS interested in the hobby and have the want to upgrade their license to gain even a more broad range in the HF bands. I will admit, when I was first licensed less than 1 year ago, the only part of amateur radio that I was able to work with was 2 meters, 144-148 MHz. Mostly repeater work to local repeaters. After a few weeks, the ARRL's "Field Day" event took place and I joined a local Amateur Radio Club, USECA, of Southeast Michigan. I joined them for their participation in Field Day which is when I was first introduced into the HF bands. I was able to work 20M phone the entire weekend for the club. I was so impressed at what could be accomplished on HF that I was even more interested in the hobby then when I first started with only 2M. Since then, I have started jumping into the other bands that a technician class licensee can use. I have made a few contacts on 6M (50-54MHz) and have been impressed with this "magical band". I do believe that if as an entry level licensee I had limited HF privileges I would be more interested in the hobby and what I can do with it. Only after the ARRL's "Field Day" event, was I truly hooked on the amateur radio hobby. Since then I have taken my IS-2 training, SkyWarn training, ARECC Level 1 training and am working on becoming the EC Manager for the township for which I live. I don't believe that if I wasn't introduced to HF when I was, I would have taken the hobby as serious and fun going as it is.